A ſhort Relation of ſome words and expreſſions that were ſpoken by Barbara Scaife *in time of her Sickneſs, a little before ſhe departed this life: She was betwixt fifteen and ſixteen years of age, Daughter to* William *and* Iſſabel Scaife *of the* Blackſike *near* Appleby, *in the County of* Weſtmerland: *In profeſſion of the Principles of Light and Life in Chriſt Jeſus. Which thoſe People commonly called* Quakers *do bear Teſtimony to, and had fellowſhip with, from their Child-hood, and had a Care upon them to bring up their Children in the fear of the Lord, and in the knowledge of that Truth which they had believed in: and which their Children were in their tender age truly acquainted with.*

THe following expreſſions were delivered from the ſaid *Barbara* in the preſence of divers perſons her Parents alſo being with her for the moſt part, during the time they were ſpoken by her.

And are given forth in honour to that Truth whereof none need be aſhamed, but for the Bleſſing ſake that accompanies the ſame, may be encouraged to take their part therein, (whereunto alſo the aforeſaid Damſel upon her dying bed hath teſtifyed) and may be of ſervice to all young people to love and fear the Lord, in the dayes of their youth, that their lives may be comfortable to them, and their latter end peace, and their Memorial bleſſed for ever.

The thirtith day of the firſt Month, 1666 was the ſaid *Barbara* taken with ſickneſs, and her Siſter *Mary* alſo, both of them beginning therewith in one and the ſame hour. The diſtemper proved to be the ſmall Pox, *Barbara* the firſt week of her diſtemper was ſorely loaden therewith, but bore her exerciſe very quietly.

The firſt of her words as relating to her inward ſtate betwixt the Lord and her own ſoul that were taken notice of. She delivered on this wiſe: *Mother* (ſaid ſhe) *ſuffer but few of thoſe People that come to ſee us to ſtay in the Parlour, but when they have ſeen us: deſire them to go into the houſe, for we have no need of ſuch empty talk, as is uſed amongſt too many we would be quiet that we may pray to the Lord to forgive us the faults we have committed, and if he ſpare us our life at this time I hope and do believe we ſhall amend and have a care of diſpleaſing the Lord while we live*: After which words ſhe ſpake very little for four dayes time.

d about the ſeaventh day of her ſickneſs and the ſixt of the ſecond Month: She asked where her father was, her Mother told her he was at the Plough, ſhe ſaid *Let ſome call him in: for I believe I muſt leave this world ſhortly*: And after a little time, ſhe begun to pray to the Lord with a very clear voice in a Miraculous Manner, ſaying. *O Almighty God I cry unto thee, and beſeech thee blot out all my Tranſgreſſions. O Lord and all my ſins. O let them come no more into thy remembrance. I beg it of thee in the name of Chriſt Jeſus with all my Soul, and with all my ſtrength; and let thy favourable countenance be upon me*: Thus ſhe prayed in a wonderful heavenly frame, deſiring the Lord alſo to make her paſſage ſweet unto her by his conſolating ſpirit, and that he would ſatisfie and enable her Parents ſo to bear it: as that they might not offend the Lord, and that he he would confirm and ſtrengthen her weak Siſter to give up her

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her ſelf freely, as ſhe bleſſed God ſhe her ſelf had done. She prayed to the Lord to give her a Manſion place in his favourable preſence: and that no more might be laid upon her Parents then what with Patience they might be enabled to bear.

She continued her ſupplications to the Lord for about three quarters of an hour, to the admiration of thoſe that were preſent with her: and ſeveral being there that did not profeſs the Light and Truth; which ſhe teſtifyed to, and dyed in, were broken into tenderneſs to the ſhedding of many tears, and ſaid *how can any dye better then ſhe is like to do.* The ſaid *Barbara* called her Brother to her bedſide, and ſhe faſtning her eyes upon him ſaid, *Brother* John, *be faithful to the Lord and thy Religion: and it may fall out that when thou art a Man, the wicked Perſecutors may hurry thee into Priſon for the Teſtimony ſake thou haſt to bear, be ſure thou do not regard that, but keep faithful to the Lord and he will deliver and be thy Reward.*

She exhorted her Parents not to trouble themſelves with too much of the worlds concerns. *But* (ſaid ſhe) *Let that to ſome which you have here (it beng a Remote p'ace) and go to live near ſome good Meeting:* Sedbergh *Meeting if you can: if my Siſter and I be both taken frm you: and take my Brother* John *with you and bring him well up I deſire you, and be all of you content:* And one that was not of the ſame profeſſion which her Parents and ſhe were of, being then preſent, asked her if ſhe could freely part with Father and Mother, Brother and other Relations. She anſwered ſaying, *I can freely part with and leave them all, for the enjoyment of that comfort and happineſs which my ſoul is made ſenſible of:*

She prayed again unto the Lord with praiſes alſo in her mouth unto him magnifying alſo the riches of his grace and

goodneſs, for the comfort ſhe had received from him, to her Immortal Soul: at another time, her Mother endeavouring to get her to take ſome meat. *I deſire thee* (ſaid ſhe) *do not trouble me with meat, for if you think thereby to keep me, it is all in vain, for I muſt die and leave you: Neither would I deſire to live for all the world: For to be with the Lord is better then ten thouſand worlds, with whom I ſhall reſt for evermore, even with God and his Saints, his faithful People and Servants, the Sons and Daughters of the upright, glory to his Name for evermore.*

At many times duriug her ſickneſs ſhe manifeſted unſpeakable love to her Father and Mother, and to her weak Siſter, touching whom ſhe ſaid to her Mother, *do not ſtay with me what ever may befal me, but go to her and abide with her, for I do deſire that too ſharpe ſickneſs may not fall on her, until ſhe know her peace with God:* She ſaid again: *Dear Mother do not ſorrow for me, and perſwade my ther not to weep for fear of offending the Lord: and leaſt e longer kept from that Heavenly reſt which the Lord hath prepareed for me, with the redeemed of our God for ever:* Then her Brother coming to the Bed ſide, ſhe ſaid to him, John *be true to the Lord and love him with all thy heart and with all thy Soul, all thy life time: And love not the world nor the pleaſures thereof, for the enjoyments of this World are in compariſon nothing: they are ſcarce ſeen till they are gone: but that which is enjoyed with the Lord is for evermore, praiſes, praiſes, to his name ſaith my ſoul for ever.*

At another time ſhe told them, ſhe had only the River of her diſſolution to paſs through: her mother asked her if ſhe ſaw over it, ſhe ſaid ſhe did ſee over it, and that ſhe ſhould joyfully paſs it into the reſt, where all ſorrow & tears ſhould be wiped from her eyes for evermore glory and honour to our God for ever:

Theſe with many more living and comfortable expreſſions

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came from her. After which for ſome dayes her exerc becoming more weighty upon her, and her weakneſs encre ing, her voice became very low and weak, ſeveral times ſ was heard to pray to the Lord, but none could take h words to make them intelligable. In the time of all her Sic neſs ſhe was very tender in her ſpirit and circumſpect, n any uncomly frame of ſpirit appearing in her or unbecomin word proceeding from her that we ſaw or heard, but ver kind and pittyful ſhe was toward thoſe that were with h in her Sickneſs, ſhe ſeemed not much concerned for her ow extremity and pain, but rather concern'd for them that at tended her, for the trouble they were put to in helping her

The twenty ſeventh day of the ſecond Month being come ſhe being much like as ſhe had been for three weeks, but tha her weakneſs had increaſed upon her, and being very chear ful and able to expreſs her ſelf: ſhe ſaid to her Mother, *What thinkeſt thou of this forenoon*: her Mother asked her what ſhe meant: ſhe anſwered and ſaid *it will [illegible] my time in this World: for the Lord will eaſe me ere long take away all my pain, and wipe away all tears from mine eyes. Call in my Father* ſaid ſhe, *that he may ſee my de parture*: Her Father being come in, ſaid *Barbara* how doſt thou (taking her by the hand) ſaid ſhe *I am ready to leave this World, and therefore Father and Mother be content and bear me company a little while*: And about the firſt hour in the afternoon ſhe departed this life, like as if ſhe had fallen aſleep, about a Month after her Sickneſs begun with her.

In the time of her health ſhe was of a very bold and chearful ſpirit: Yet tender kind and pittyful toward all that any way ſtood in need: And what help ſhe could reaſonably make them of her own accord: ſhe was ready to do it: She was very tender and kind to her Parents on all accounts, alwayes careful not to give them

any occaſion to be diſpleaſed with her that ſhe could avoid: her life was lovely her latter end peace: and her Memorial laſts and lives with us everlaſting praiſes to the Lord who worthy thereof for ever.

William & *Iſſabel* } *Scaiſe.*

MAry *Scaiſe* elder Siſter to *Barbara* of whom in the forgoing Relation mention is Made to have been taken with Sicknes the very ſame hour that her Siſter was: And concerning whom Her Siſter *Barbara* had been very tenderly concern'd and exerciſed in her Spirit for her in Supplications to God to give her the knowledge of her peace that hath no end. and who lived but about two weeks after her Siſter, her diſtemper alſo of the ſmall Pox, was accompanied with a Feaver; ſo as that ſhe got very little ſleep for ſeveral dayes Which made her extremity the greater. But in the Lords time who keepeth Covenant and ſhewes mercy, and giveth the Spirit of Supplication and prayer to them that believe: opened her Mouth in a clear underſtanding: *And* (ſaid ſhe) *O great God Jehovah of Heaven and earth whoſe ſplendour filleth Heaven and thy Wonders filleth the earth: have mercy upon me thine handmaid. Who am as a Worm before thee, yet part of thy creation, Lord help my weak ſoul, revive my drooping Spirit, by thy conſolating preſence, ſtrengthen my faith I beſeech thee, and help me through this exerciſe, I pray thee O Lord. That thy Will may be done in earth as it is in Heaven:* After this manner with many other tender expreſſions ſhe continued in Prayer for about halfe an hour, but her Siſter *Barbara* being very weak at that time,

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more of her words could not be ſo taken as to inſert them here in writing, But often ſhe prayed to the Lord to make her willing to give up her ſelf freely, if the Lord required it of her, She deſired the Lord that if there was any thing in her that did offend him, he would manifeſt it to her before her weakneſs became greater: Her Siſter *Barbara* who in Supplications to God had waited for the conſolation of her weak Siſter, was abundantly comforted, becauſe of the tender and comfortable frame her Siſter *Mary* was brought into, and praiſed God on her behalf with much refreſhing ſatisfaction upon her Spirit, as ſhe manifeſted amongſt ſuch as were preſent with her.

After that *Mary* often prayed to the Lord in a tender ſenſe upon her Spirit and in much fervency of Soul, as the living exerciſe ſhe ſhe was under did demonſtate. She had been much inclined from her youth to read the Scriptures. Being then about 18 years of age. And in her ſickneſs after the Lord opened her heart & mouth to ſhew forth his praiſe, ſhe often ſpoke of *Job* and *David*, and of Gods Love and goodneſs to them, and other of his ſervants in Ages paſt. *And now* ſaid ſhe, *I do know Gods Love to be the ſame to meas it was to them: So that* ſaid ſhe, *I am neither afraid nor unwilling to die, for God blotteth out my tranſgreſſions, and layeth nothing to my charge, and I do believe there is a place prepared for me in Heaven:*

And Dear Mother ſaid ſhe, *do what thou canſt not to ſorrow, my Love is great to thee, and my advice is, that you go to live near ſome good Meeting and bring up my Brother amongſt Friends.*

And her Siſter being dead ſhe ſpake of her own death alſo, and ſaid ſhe was well ſatisfied that her ſoul ſhould aſcend up to God in Heaven, *Where* ſaid ſhe, *I do believe my Siſter* Barbara's *ſoul is aſcended to reſt with the Lord for ever.*

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Then afterwards her Sickness encreased and weakness grew upon her, being attended with many violent Convulsion Fits, so that she could not speak to be understood, but sometimes to say *John* to her Bother: but very low and weakly forabout two dayes before her departnre: Her Sickness continued upon her six weeks and three dayes and she departed this life, the 13th. of the 3d. Month, 1686.

In her Life time she was very obedient & respective to her Parents from whom she said she was not inclined to go for preferment, but would be content with the like condition as was alotted them. She was also very careful of her Brothers good, of a sober behaviour from her Childhood, all her dayes loved the Truth and such as feared the Lord her latter end was comfortable and satisfactory to her; of great refreshment to her Parents, for which an ingagement lives with them ever to submit to God, and Praise his Name who is Worthy for ever.

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